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- 1. AS NOTED REFTEL, FOREIGN MINISTER HAS NOW RETREATED FROM HIS REQUEST FOR SEPARATE GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT UNDERTAKING ENDORSING SCM COMMUNIQUE, ON BASIS OF OBJECTIONS WE HAVE PUT FORTH TO HIM. ON OTHER HAND HE IS STILL FISHING AROUND FOR SOME FURTHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ENDORSEMENT, NOW THROUGH DEVICE OF PRESIDENTIAL LETTER. MY OWN IMPRESSION IS THAT FOREIGN MINISTER IS OPERATING ON HIS OWN IN PUTTING FORTH THESE PROPOSALS WITHOUT SPECIFIC BLUE HOUSE ENDORSEMENT. HOWEVER, I DO NOT QUESTION THAT PRESIDENT PARK IS DESIROUS OF A CLEAR AFFIRMATION OF U.S. COMMITMENT OVER AND ABOVE SCM COMMUNIQUE.
- 2. GIVEN PROBLEM WE HAVE HERE OF CONTINUED QUESTIONING OF CREDIBILITY OF U.S. COMMITMENT, I WOULD CONTINUE TO FAVOR SOME FORM OF WHITE HOUSE ENDORSEMENT, PERHAPS FOLLOWING RETURN OF SECRETARY BROWN OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS. CONFIDENTIAL EXCHANGE OF LETTERS AT SECRET

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PRESIDENTIAL LEVEL WOULD NOT SERVE SAME PURPOSE. BUT, A
BRIEF LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSING PLEASURE WITH THE
SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF CONSULTATIONS ON TROOP WITHDRAWAL,
OUR DETERMINATION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREED COMPENSATORY
MEASUES AS EFFECTIVELY AS POSSIBLE, AND REAFFIRMING OUR
TREATY COMMITMENT WOULD NEATLY WRATP UP TROOP WITHDRAWAL PACKAGE AND COULD EFFECTIVELY CLOSE UP DEBATE ON

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